

[c]ombining or distributing information via code word channels using multiple access techniques (e.g., CDMA): This subclass is indented under subclass 329. Subject matter wherein spread spectrum codes are allocated to allow multiple signals occupying the same channel bandwidth to be transmitted simultaneously without interfering with one another. See Manual of Classification, Class 370, Subclass 335.

Nowhere has Applicants claimed or sought protection for multiplexing or duplexing systems or methods, as defined by class 370. See Manual of Classification, Class 370.

d. Applicants' Claims are not Directed to Patentably Distinct Species

"The general test as to when claims are restricted, respectively, to different species is the fact that one claim recites limitations which under the disclosure are found in a first species but not in a second, while a second claim recites limitations disclosed only for the second species and not the first." See M.P.E.P. § 806.04(f).

Claims 1-56 each include at least some recitations that are similar and/or identical to other claims (e.g., claims 1 and 37). As explained, claims 1-56 are directed to a single invention. The claims are directed to systems, methods, and/or computer-readable mediums, that perform association traversals using reverse links or pointers, and/or wrapper or object tables. A cursory review of each of the independent claims supports Applicants' position.

Claim 1 includes a step of creating, for a first instance, a reverse link that defines a relationship between the first instance and an association. Claims 6, 9, and 10 are directed to methods for maintaining reverse links including pointers and wrapper tables. Claims 11, 14, 15, 16, and 17 are directed to methods for performing association traversals whereby the methods includes steps that include pointers. Claim 18 is